

FRENCH MISSION GETS WARM WELCOME HOME

Paris Streets Thronged With Cheering Crowds to Greet Viviani and Joffre.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, May 24.—Enormous crowds, cheering tumultuously, welcomed the French mission to the United States on its arrival here from America. Premier Ribot, Minister of the Interior Malvy and other members of the cabinet were at the station to welcome the envoys. "Why, this is like New York," said Marshal Joffre, as the automobiles which conveyed the members of the mission from the station were halted on account of the density of the cheering crowds. The police lines were broken through by the throngs of spectators, who surrounded the automobiles, waving flags and handkerchiefs. Premier Ribot congratulated the members of the mission upon the results of their trip to America, as did the other cabinet members. Various generals and admirals were at the station to meet their respective chiefs, as well as numerous members of parliament. All the way from Brest, at Le Mans, Laval, Rennes and Chartres, crowds filled the stations, and M. Viviani and Marshal Joffre received deputations of the principal authorities. After the official reception was over, M. Viviani, discussing his departure from Washington, said: "I told President Wilson how deeply touched I was by the manifestations of the sympathy of the American people. The President replied, simply: 'We are brothers in the same cause.'"

Had Pleasant Voyage.

BREST, May 24.—The ship that brought the mission dropped anchor in the roads at dawn yesterday, nine days after its distinguished passengers had said farewell to President Wilson. The members of the mission left Washington in the evening, going to the railway station singly, so as not to attract attention. In spite of their crowded days in America, filled with traveling, speech-making, banquets and other festivities, the French commissioners showed little sign of fatigue. The first morning out Minister of Justice Viviani exercised himself by clambering to the rigging, swinging from deck to deck like a candidate for athletic honors. Marshal Joffre took his exercise in answering 230 of 800 unanswered letters, which were brought aboard by his aid, Lieut. Francois de Tessari. M. Viviani and Marshal Joffre received many thousands of letters from Americans and regretted very much that it was impossible for them to answer all, particularly those from children. They believe they have acknowledged all communications containing money, the total amount received for various charities amounting to about 2,000,000 francs.

Satisfied With Trip.

All the members of the mission have returned to France satisfied with the results of their trip. They were delighted with the courtesy of the President, the warmth of the public reception and the good will toward France shown wherever they went. They brought away with them the conviction that America would play a part in the war commensurate with her greatness. President Wilson, in saying good-bye, gave M. Viviani a cordial letter to President Poincaré of considerable length, covering three pages written in the President's rather close hand.

Marshal Joffre has brought with him certain memoranda of things agreed upon, including the early co-operation of the United States on the western front, which has been announced in part in America since the mission left.

Admiral Chocheprat has a clear working understanding of American naval purposes, and Marquis De Chambrun of the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies has made a special study of America's relation to international political problems. He will tell what he has learned at a special meeting of the chamber committee.

Australia avoids orphan asylums by sending parentless children to private families, which are paid for their care until they are fourteen years old.

MAYOR OF NOYON THANKS CAPITAL FOR "ADOPTION"

Writes Ambassador Sharp of Gratitude for Promise of Restoration by Washington Citizens.

PARIS, May 24.—Senator Noel, mayor of the town of Noyon, who is in Paris still suffering from the effect of several months' imprisonment in Germany after having resisted German exactions in his town for more than a year, in a statement to the Associated Press, has expressed his thanks over the fact that a group of citizens of Washington, D. C., had formally "adopted" Noyon. "I never can sufficiently thank the Americans for what is being done for France," said M. Noel. "I visited Washington a few years ago, and have a most agreeable recollection of my reception there, and accordingly am all the more touched by this most delicate attention."

"It is a most significant and interesting coincidence that Noyon, one of the most ancient of the French towns and the first commune in France to gain its absolute liberty, is the first French town to be adopted by an American city, and that that city is Washington, which is named after one of the principal authors of the great American republic."

Senator Noel has written William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador, a formal letter regarding the movement in Washington to restore Noyon, which is named after one of the principal authors of the great American republic. Senator D'Eustourelles de Constant to thank the Washington citizens and the American people in his name.

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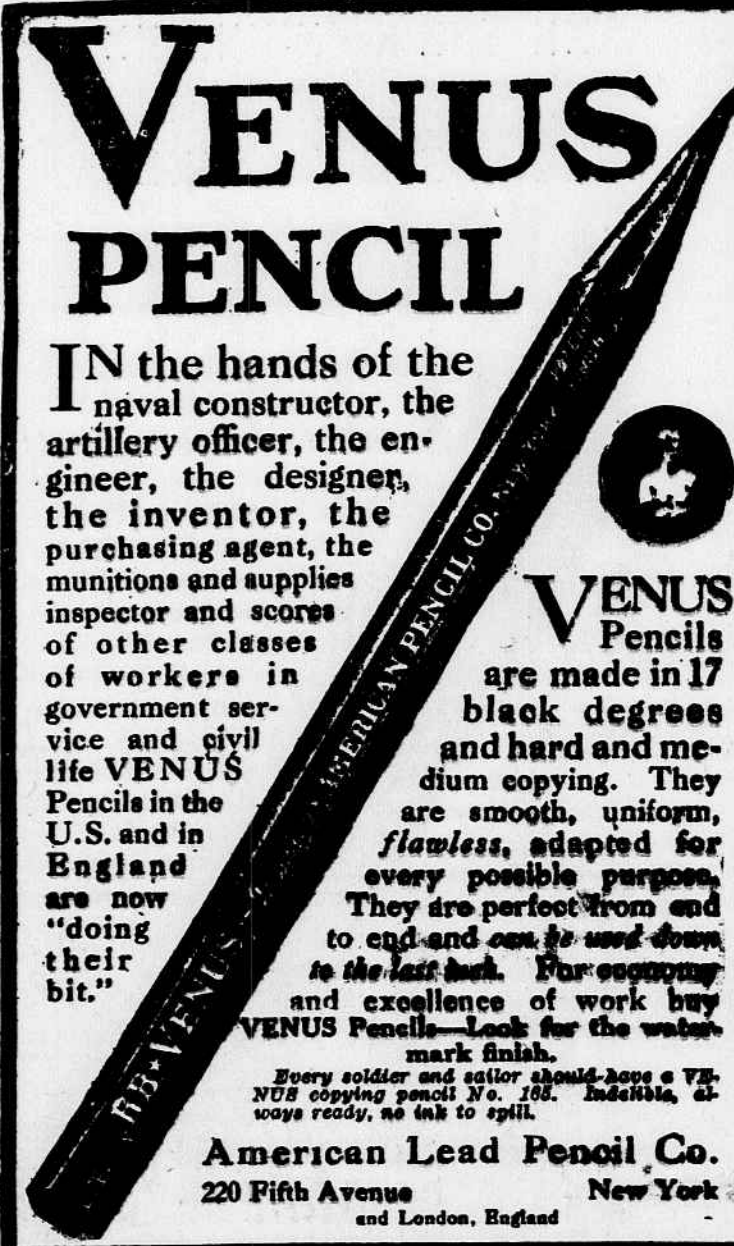
Big Acreage Purchased Near Newark, N. J., for One of Largest Shipyards in the World.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The United States Steel Corporation has purchased a big acreage near Newark, in the New Jersey meadows, within striking distance of deep water, and will erect immediately one of the largest shipyards in the world, where standard 8,000 and 10,000 ton steel ships will be constructed, probably with the co-operation of the government shipping board. It is reported the construction of the new plant was requested by the government.

Robert H. Gary, chairman of the board, stated that the corporation had recently purchased a large plot near Newark.

It is understood that the American Bridge Company, one of the corporation's largest subsidiaries, will be given over to the manufacture of standardized units, which will be shipped to the yard and there assembled.

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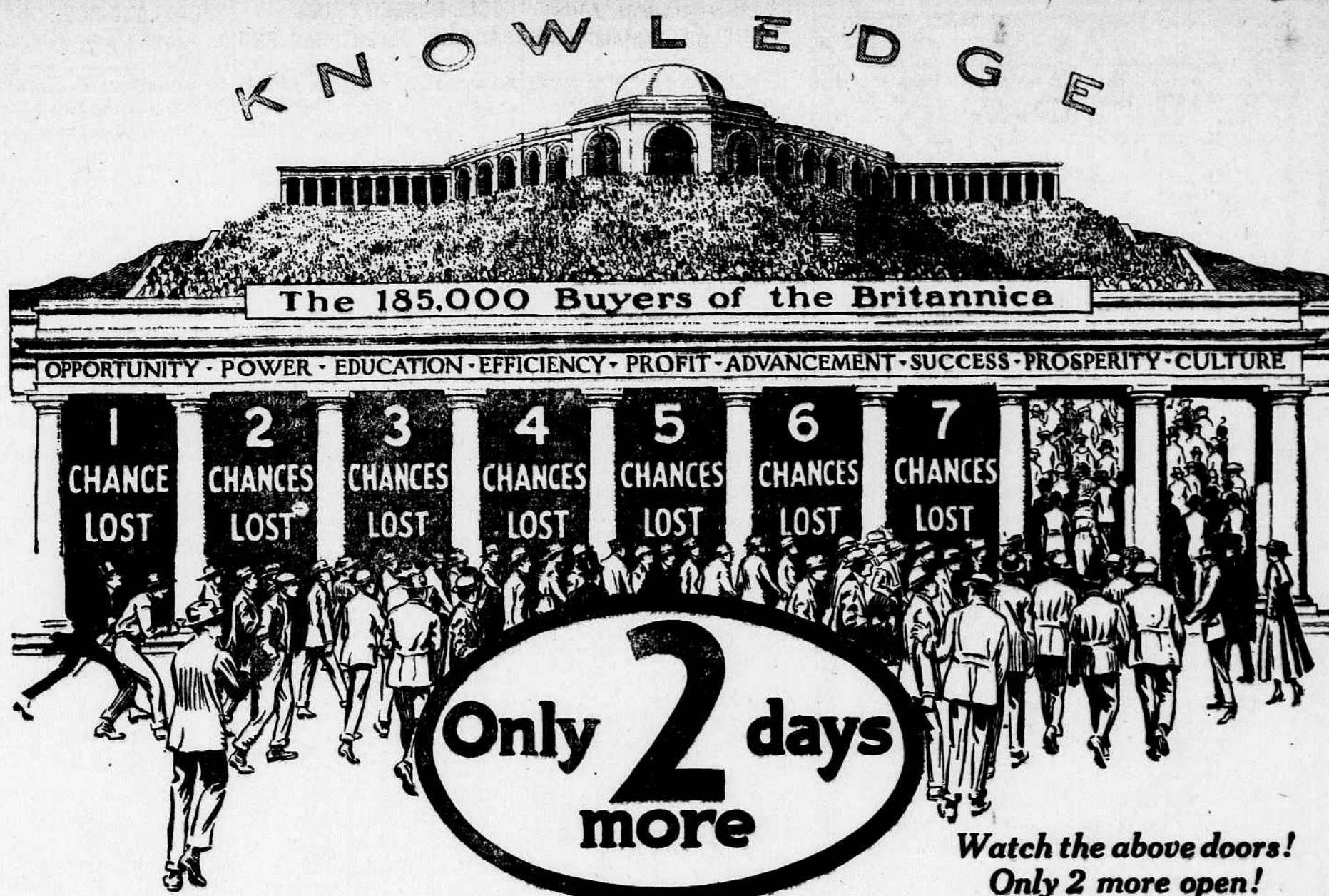
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